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REMARKS

By way of summary, Claims 75-101 were pending in this application. In the present amendment, the Applicants canceled Claims 75-90 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, Claims 91-101 remain pending for consideration.

Response To Restriction Requirement

Applicants respectfully disagree with Examiner's restriction and characterization of Applicants' invention and the Examiner's division of the claims. However in an effort to receive prompt examination on the merits, Applicants respond as follows. The Applicants elect without traverse to proceed with the prosecution of Claims 91-101 corresponding to Examiner-designated Group II, on the merits without prejudice to canceled Claims 75-90 corresponding to Examiner-designated Group I. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue any non-elected claims in one or more divisional or continuation applications. Accordingly, prompt examination on the merits of at least the elected claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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